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SUBJECT: REPLY TO PRESS QUERIES ON PRG AND NHAN DAN ALLEGATIONS

1. IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENCOURAGE RUMORS AND SPECULATION THAT THE US IS BACKING CURRENTLY ACTIVE OPPOSITION GROUPS IN THE RVN THE PRG PRESS BRIEFER IN SAIGON AND HANOI'S NHAN DAN NEWSPAPER BOTH ALLEGED (SEPTEMBER 14) THAT THE US WAS PREPARED TO "CHANGE HORSE" IN VIETNAM IF FUTURE EVENTS WARRANT.

2. IN REPLYING TO PRESS QUERIES, MISSION PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS COMMENTED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

3. "IN A PRESS CONFERENCE LAST SATURDAY THE SPLESMAN FOR THE SO-CALLED "PRG" SPKE OF ALLEGED US PLANS TO "CHANGE HORSES" IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HE THUS ECHOED THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO HIM IN A NHA DAN EDITORIAL BROADCAST FROM HANOI. THESE ASSERTIONS BY HANOI AND THEIR LOCAL SPOKESMAN HERE ARE PATENT NONSENSE. PLITICAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARE MATTERS CONCERNING SOLELY THE
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PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE

UNITED STATES DOES NOT INTERFERE IN SUCH INTERNAL AFFAIRS
IN ANY WAY. CLAIMS BY THE COMMUNISTS THAT THE UNITED STATES
IS SUPPORTING ANY POLITICAL GROUP OR MOVEMENT ARE COMPLETELY
WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED FOR THE SOLE
PURPOSE OF ADVANCING HANOI'S OBJECTIVES IN THE REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM."
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